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Congress of the United States
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The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20554

Re: *WC Docket No. 09-197*
Petition of NTUA WIRELESS, LLC for Designation as an Eligible
Telecommunications Carrier Pursuant to Section 214(e)(6) of the
Communications Act of 1934, as Amended on the Navajo Nation

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

On March 3, 2011, NTUA Wireless, LLC (NTUA Wireless), an entity majority owned by the Navajo Tribal Utility Authority, a Navajo Nation enterprise, filed with the Federal Communications Commission an application for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier (ETC). No entity submitted comments opposing NTUA Wireless' designation as an ETC. Further, the local regulator for the area to be served, the Navajo Nation Telecommunications Regulatory Commission, is supportive of NTUA Wireless' pending ETC application.

Receiving the ETC designation will enable NTUA Wireless to receive federal support and reduce customer costs for its telecommunication services. Receiving the ETC designation will help NTUA Wireless address under-served areas of the Navajo Nation, including areas within New Mexico. By aiding NTUA Wireless' efforts, the ETC designation can facilitate economic growth and development of other companies and industries in the Four-Corners area, which depend on modern telecommunications services.

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For these reasons, I urge the Federal Communications Commission's expeditious approval of NTUA Wireless, LLC's pending ETC application.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ben Ray Lujan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Ben" and last name "Lujan" being the most prominent parts.

Ben Ray Luján
Member of Congress (NM-03)



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August 4, 2011

JULIUS GENACHOWSKI
CHAIRMAN

The Honorable Ben Ray Luján
U.S. House of Representatives
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Dear Congressman Luján:

Thank you for your letter supporting the March 3, 2011 petition filed by NTUA Wireless, LLC. The NTUA petition requests designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier for a service area within the existing boundaries of the Navajo Nation, including Eastern Navajo Agency and the "island" chapters of To'hajille, Alamo, and Ramah, but excluding the Hopi Reservation, which is wholly contained within the boundaries of the Navajo Nation.

The petition is under review by the Wireline Competition Bureau, which is coordinating with the Commission's Office of Native Affairs and Policy (ONAP). Staff from both the Bureau and ONAP have met with representatives from the company to discuss the petition, and I can assure you that the Bureau is making every effort to conclude its review as quickly and equitably as possible.

A copy of your letter is being entered into the record of the proceeding. Thank you for your interest in this important matter and please do not hesitate to contact me if I can be of further assistance.

Sincerely,



Julius Genachowski